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SUBJ: DESIGNATION OF SENIOR GOZ OFFICIAL TO MONITOR INGA-SHABA
PROJECT

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1. IT IS NOT CLEAR TO US WHAT EXIM PROPOSES BY DESIGNATION OF A
SENIOR GOZ OFFICIAL TO ACT IN LIAISON WITH EXIM OFFICIAL. WOULD
EXIM HAVE A RESIDENT REP IN ZAIRE OR WOULD GOZ OFFICIAL CORRESPOND
WITH AN EXIM REP?

2. ASSUMING THAT IT IS DONE IN SUCH A MANNER AS NOT TO OFFEND GOZ
SENSIBILITIES, WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO DESIGNATION OF
GOZ LIAISON OFFICER WITH EXIM, BUT WE DOUBT IF SUCH IS THE MOST
EFFECTIVE WAY TO ACCOMPLISH EXIM'S GOAL OF COMPLETING THE LINE
IN THE SHORTEST TIME AT LEAST COST. UNFORTUNATELY, INTERNAL
LIAISON BETWEEN AGENCIES IS ONE OF THE GOZ'S MAJOR SHORTCOMINGS.
WE KNOW OF NO SUCCESSFUL INSTANCE OF A GOZ TROUBLE SHOOTER, AND
THAT IS WHAT WE ASSUME EXIM HAS IN MIND. THE EMBASSY HAS ATTEMPTED
TO FILL THAT FUNCTION IN THE PAST. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR
THIS PROJECT AND DO OUR BEST TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS AS THEY DEVELOP.
WE BELIEVE THAT THIS IS THE BEST WAY OF ACCOMPLISHING EXIM'S GOAL
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OF COMLETING THE LINE IN MOST EXPEDITIOUS AND SATISFACTORY MANNER.
DESIGNATION OF A GOZ OFFICIAL COULD WELL BE A BOTTLENECK IF ALL
ACTIONS MUST BE REFERRED THROUGH HIM.

3. DESPITE OUR RESERVATIONS AS EXPRESSED ABOVE, IF EXIM CONSIDERS
IT DESIREABLE TO DESIGNATE A FORMAL GOZ LIAISON OFFICER, THEN WE
BELIEVE THAT THE BEST CANDIDATE WOULD BE A SENIOR SHEL OFFICIAL

AS ONLY HE WOULD BE AWARE OF ALL PROBLEMS. EXTREME CARE SHOULD
BE TAKEN THOUGH IN THE DESIGNATION OF SUCH AN OFFICIAL. THE GOZ
MIGHT BE OFFENDED IF WE SUGGESTED A SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL. OUR
SUGGESTION, IF MADE, SHOULD BE OF A GENERAL NATURE MERELY GIVING
THE QUALIFICATIONS WHICH EXIM HAS IN MIND.
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